

March 2021 IRG – Baylys Beach Lifesaving Facility (Provincial Development Unit)

IRG Funding: \$100,000 | Total Project Spend: \$1,743,500



The Baylys Beach – Lifesaving Facility opened to the community on 28 November 2021, showcasing the centre’s capacity to be a thriving hub of the community, as well as a home for beach lifeguards.

The surf club housed within the centre has shower facilities, beds and a garage space for quads, inflatable rescue boats and other rescue equipment. Graeme Ramsey, the community centre project manager and former Kaipara mayor said, “This will act as a hub for community services and water safety, which is crucial for us. We are a wild west coast beach and what is paramount in local people’s minds is having something which will keep people safe”.

Previously Baylys Beach was patrolled by paid guards who rented accommodation in local baches during peak season. This summer was the first time volunteers patrolled alongside paid guards on the weekend due to having a permanent space for a much needed service.